

TOWN OF AMENIA
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2009
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Moment of Silence for the passing of **Mr. Harry Clark**, former Zoning Board and CPIC Chairman.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

ABSENT:	Councilman Pelkey
	Michael Hayes, Town Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2009 AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWN OF AMENIA "SUBDIVISION OF LAND" BY REPEALING THE EXISTING
CHAPTER 105 AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 105.

Supervisor Euvrard read legal notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No.1 of 2009, Amending Chapter 105 of the Code of the Town of Amenia, "Subdivision of Land" .

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

In absence of Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to **CONTINUE** Public Hearing on Thursday, **March 19, 2009** at 7:00pm.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Nelligan commented on a Motion that was passed by the Amenia town board addressing a possible sewer collection system that would hook up to proposed local sewer treatment plant. Motion was passed without public hearing or petitions from water district residents. Wastewater committee was tasked to looking into proposal (to develop plan and map). No public meeting has taken place since the Motion was passed (18 months ago) to address this issue. Mr. Nelligan claimed that town board members are meeting in violation of the Open Meetings law. (three members –quorum) Supervisor Euvrard will review Open Meeting law.

Dan Killmer reminded the town board of prior discussions to form a SAFETY COMMITTEE. Supervisor Euvrard welcomed volunteers to contact Mr. Killmer or the Supervisor's office.

Darlene Reimer commented that Wastewater committee meetings are always open to the public. Committee continues to review plans for wastewater costs to be affordable.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Supervisor Euvrard reported that Stanley Whitehead, Hwy Supt was absent due to storm conditions.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported 2009 property taxes collected to date: \$1,172,617.00. Supervisor's office has been paid \$750,000 and is owed approximately \$800,000.

Grants

Tonya Shoumatoff, HVA, advised that Town of Amenia is eligible for federal reimbursement grant Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in the amount of \$525,000. Federal requirements will be reviewed at a scheduled meeting with coordinators on February 25, 2009. Supervisor Euvrard designated Mike Hagerty, Grant Writer, to attend.

Mike Hagerty reported that **Main Street Program** grant has been denied. Researching for long and short term grants available for the Town of Amenia.

Tracy Saladay commented on task force for potential **AES acquisition**. Comments and ideas would be reported to the town board. Recommended professional assistance at that time. Supervisor Euvrard agreed with recommendation.

Water Department

Supervisor Euvrard is investigating the closing of Lake Amenia/Dunn Road loop when DOT schedules re-paving of Route 22.

VRI will monitor a 72-hour pump test for the two wells at the **Amenia Hills** site location, at no cost to the Water District.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to hire **H.A. Schreck** of Poughkeepsie, New York to perform maintenance service on Generator at Water Department building (Level service #1 - \$255.00, Level service #2 follow-up \$125.00).

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	ABSENT
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

RESOLUTION #6 OF 2009

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO APPLY FOR A NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM 2008-2009 HIGH PRIORITY PLANNING GRANT

Whereas, the Town of Amenia has been in discussion with the Webutuck School District regarding potential future uses of the Amenia Elementary School building in light of the school district's long-term goal of consolidating the school facilities; and

Whereas, the Town of Amenia has expressed an interest in possibly moving town offices from the current rental facility on Mechanic Street into the vacated Amenia Elementary in the hamlet of Amenia, New York; and

Whereas, the Town of Amenia is seeking a \$25,000 high priority planning grant to fund a feasibility study of the building and the Town also agrees to provide a 10% match of up to \$2,500 if a grant is awarded; and

Whereas, the Town intends to work with Webutuck as a co-applicant; and

MOTION made by Councilwoman Perotti, SECONDED by Supervisor Euvrard, that was ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	ABSENT
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign a grant Application to the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program for a High priority planning grant to fund this proposed feasibility study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation

Tom Werner, Chairman, reported that committee interviewed volunteer for **Weight Room** attendant at Webutuck High School. Volunteer will be trained.

ICIB – No Report

DISCUSSION:

Councilwoman Doyle recommended that town board discuss capital improvement plan for Town of Amenia's immediate needs. Response to DEC is required by February 28, 2009 for return of advanced payment of \$14,518 under Highway grant for Salt Shed construction. Mike Hagerty, Grant Writer, will respond for Town of Amenia, noting current negotiations with property owners.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Local events announced.

General Code – update codification of Amenia Town Laws. Supervisor Euvrard will meet with Town Clerk and Assistant Supervisor. Update information will be referred to Michael Hayes to establish if bids are required.

Outdoor Wood Burning Stoves – Amendment to Local Law – referred to Michael Hayes.

NYC Association of Towns meeting was attended by Town of Amenia staff and seminars were very informative. Stimulus package is available for grants.

Town of Amenia served with Article 78 petition from Amenia K. Realty (Katz Freshtown Plaza) Reference: Resolution #32 of 2008 when town board adopted Concept #3 of Dodson Plan. Supervisor Euvrard will contact Michael Hayes to discuss.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Doyle announced that volunteers will be painting a cottage for Monique Montayne who lost her home in a fire last winter.

Enhancement committee is reviewing rail trail parking costs. Will discuss with Highway Supt. Possible review for bids.

Bids for upgrade electrical work at Fountain Square are welcome.

Councilwoman Perotti commented that landlord absentees **MUST** have fire inspections, by law. Issue is being discussed with Mike Segelken, Building Inspector and Michael Hayes, Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Kroeger submitted comments for the **Joint Towns and Schools Forum** within the Webutuck Rural School District. Ms. Kroeger requested that her comments become part of Town Board minutes. **Attachment #1 – February 19, 2009**

Supervisor Euvrard stated that AES acquisition is a great opportunity for the Town of Amenia. He understands the hardship of the Fire Company, and will help in any way that he can. There has been interest shown in purchase of Amenia Fire Department building.

Pat Nelligan commented in favor of AES acquisition. Mr. Nelligan requested explanation of basic water assessment tax.

Darlene Reimer has contacted Chamber of Commerce and they will pursue a tenant for the Amenia Fire House.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN meeting at 8:25 pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: March 9, 2009
Approved by Town Board: March 12, 2009

ATTACHMENT #1 – **Kroeger** – Joint Town/School Forum comments